

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 to 15, 17 to 23, and 25 to 29 are pending in the application, of which claims 1, 9, 14 and 22 are the independent claims. Favorable reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.


This Amendment is being filed to correct a typographical error in claim 14 and to provide even more clear antecedent basis for the phrase "the network" in the last clause of claim 22 ("wherein if another device on *the network* issues a response, the first network device does not issue a response"). These claim changes do not affect patentability of the claims; therefore, entry of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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